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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Stephen B. Maguire

Application No.: 10/084,030

Group No.: 3651

Filed: February 27, 2002

Examiner: J.A. Dillon, Jr

For: VACUUM LOADING SYSTEM

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted prior to payment of the issue fee

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ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith are:

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An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. § 1.98) and Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B).

An amendment with claim amendments.

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of small entity (and status is still as small entity).

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 395.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY			
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE		
TOTAL	30	—	28 = 2	x \$ 9.00	= \$	18.00	
INDEP.	7	—	5 = 2	x \$ 44.00	= \$	88.00	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 150.00	= \$	0.00	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE					\$	106.00	

Total additional fee required is \$106.00

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEES DUE

7. The total fees due are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e)) \$395.00

Fees for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d)) \$106.00

Total Fees Due: \$501.00

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fees for this continued examination application as follows:

Charge Account 50-1943 the sum of \$501.00. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for accounting purposes.

To the extent there is any fee required in connection with the receipt, acceptance and/or consideration of this paper and/or any accompanying papers submitted herewith, please charge all such fees to Deposit Account 50-1943.

INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as the inventor the same inventor as previously designated for the claims.

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Introductory Comments

In connection with the Request for Continued Examination filed
concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified patent application as
follows:

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